

SENATE BILL 696

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11,  
Chapter 13, relative to scenic rivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-13-105, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The commissioner of environment and conservation shall study and from time to time submit to the governor and to the general assembly proposals for the addition to the state scenic rivers system of rivers and sections of rivers which, in the commissioner's judgment, fall within one (1) or more of the classes set out in § 11-13-103. Each proposal shall specify the class of the proposed addition and shall be accompanied by a detailed report on the factors which, in the judgment of the commissioner, make the area a worthy addition to the system.

(b) The intention of subsection (a) is to ensure that such studies will be made; it is not intended to preclude or discourage studies and proposals by other agencies or by citizen groups working independently or with the department.

(c) The commissioner of environment and conservation shall cause to be posted on the official website of the state each proposal submitted under subsection (a) within five (5) business days of the submission of the proposal.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.